

Celebrating the Life and Homegoing
of
MR. JAMES (Jimmy Mack) MELVIN



Saturday Morning, February 4, 1995
11:00 A.M.

Faith Temple Free Will Baptist Church

Martin Luther King Blvd. and Bishop L. N. Forbes Plaza
East Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

"So live, that when thy summons comes - to join that enumerable caravan which moves to that mysterious realm where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death, thou go not like the quarry slave at night, scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed, by an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

So it was with JAMES (Jimmy Mack) MELVIN who bravely and courageously faced death in the same manner he faced life. He made his entrance on the stage of life in Roseboro, North Carolina...son of the late Alexander and Mary Melvin. (The last of twelve children).

During his life he played many parts. As a child and a member of a large Christian family, he learned early the meaning of love both in the home and the church.

His first church affiliation was Pauls Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Apple, North Carolina. At the tender age of 17, he relocated and made New Jersey his home. He joined the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey and was a very loyal member.

Wherever (Jimmy Mack) found himself, his role was outstanding because his performance was always superb. This was manifested in his love for Faith Temple Church. Faith Temple was organized in his home in 1959, and he was instrumental in giving Faith Temple the down payment on the first church that was purchased. Because of his sincere love and admiration for his nephew, (Bishop L.N. Forbes) he worshipped most of the time with Faith Temple. He loved good preaching and good singing, and would not sit down if the choir was singing from the depths of their hearts. He was not ashamed to praise the Lord. "Uncle Jimmy" was very faithful in attendance and supported Faith Temple financially until his health began to decline.

For the many people whose lives "Jimmy Mack" touched, for those who knew and loved him, we realized the impossibility of relating all of the involvements he had these are treasures which will always be in our hearts.

His curtain closed on Sunday morning at Port Jervis Hospital, Port Jervis, New York but his beautiful memories continue with his audience, especially his daughter, Jean; two very special nephews, Harold Melvin and Bishop L.N. Forbes; a god-sister, Mrs. Dayce Bradley of Newark, New Jersey; two sisters-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews and other bereaved relatives and friends.

For life on earth is a transient affair, just a few brief years in which to prepare
For a life that is free from pain and tears, where time is not counted by hours or years.

For all who believe in the risen Lord, have been assured of this reward,
And death to them is just graduation, to a higher realm of wide elevation.

For death is only the method God chose, to colonize heaven with the souls of those
Who by their apprenticeship on earth, Prove worthy to dwell in the land of new birth.

So death is not sad It's a time for elation, a joyous transition ... the soul's emigration
Into a place where the soul's SAFE and FREE, to live with God through ETERNITY!

THE FAMILY

Program

ORGAN PRELUDE	Deacon Robert Walden Brother Mark Exum Brother Samuel Fields
PRESIDING	Elder Vincent R. Johnson
PROCESSIONAL	Ministers, The Family and Friends
HYMN OF CONSOLATION - "What A Friend"	
THE SCRIPTURE LESSON	Elder Robert T. Farrell
THE PRAYER OF FAITH	Elder Roland Blue
SELECTION - "I Shall Know Him"	
REMARKS	Deacon Kenneth Sauls
SOLO	Evangelist Nina Pender
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND OBITUARY	Mother Ruth Walden
SELECTION - " He's Coming Back Again"	
THE EULOGY	Bishop L. N. Forbes
SELECTION	The Choir
PARTING INSTRUCTIONS AND VIEWING	Funeral Director and Staff
RECESSIONAL	

Interment

FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY MAUSOLEUM & CREMATORY

600 Centfall Avenue, Newark, New Jersey

ALL DRIVERS, PLEASE TURN ON YOUR BRIGHT HEADLIGHTS AND DRIVE SAFELY

When I Must Leave Thee

When I must leave you for a little while, please do not grieve and shed wild tears.
And hug your sorrow to you through the years, but start out bravely with a gallant smile
And for my sake and in my name, live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days, but fill each waking hour in useful ways.
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer, and I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die, for I am waiting for you in the sky!

Hall Bearers

NEPHEWS

Floral Bearers

BOARD OF MOTHERS AND DEACONESSES

BOARD OF USHERS



Family Gratitude

"You were there"your visits, your telephone calls, your words of encouragement, other deeds of love and support, and most of all your prayers; for these, we are grateful.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION is extended to the official boards, ministers and auxiliaries, and the membership of Faith Temple Free Will Baptist Church for your extraordinary love and assistance.

May the blessings of the Lord thy God "come on you, and overtake you"In Jesus' name.

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"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6



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